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# THE DAILY BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### ENDURING VOICES PROJECT SURVEY SHOWS LANGUAGES AT RISK OF EXTINCTION

by: DAVID MELMER, Indian Country Today© (10/17/07)

RAPID CITY, S.D. - American Indian educators in the northern Great Plains have advocated for language education. The result is that more than 30 percent of the Lakota people can speak their language.

### WIND ENERGY, SERVER FARMS DISCUSSED BY PORT AUTHORITY

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter (10/17/07)

Pat Blackweasel of the Blackfeet TERO program had the day off Thursday, Oct. 11, along with the rest of tribal government for a funeral, so the opening portion of the Glacier County Regional Port Authority meeting in Browning was postponed until a later date.

### FORT BELKNAP MEN IN HBO FILM 'TAKING CHANCE'

By Elizabeth Doney, Fort Belknap News (10/05/07)

Excitement still lingers for five Fort Belknap men selected to play the part of Native American honor guards in the upcoming HBO movie, 'Taking Chance.' After being contacted by a talent agency, Robert Healy, Jr., Curtis Horn, Walter Horn, Dale snow and Monte Snow were on the road heading to Ennis, to film the movie during the week of Aug. 20-24.

## SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEUR OPPORTUNITY

By Fort Belknap News (10/05/07)

There is a serious lack of owner's equity available for Native American business owners on the reservations and among the Indian population in Montana. Owner's equity is defined as the amount of monies invested by the owner in his or her business. Unlike non-native small business owners traditional forms of equity such as family and friends are often not available to the Indian business owner due to widespread poverty. Because of its ability to offer equity to these native American business owners, the Indianpreneur Equity Fund is able to play a unique role in assisting in the growth of Native American small business... The equity fund requires cash, in kind, or loan funds such as a tribal loan fund, a micro loan program, or a commercial lender. Examples of an in-kind match may include inventory, supplies, equipment, tools or vehicles that are part of the activity for the business. In order to determine the success of the program, those business that received funding will be required to provide financial information regarding their business as requested to the Department of Commerce. Existing business owners must show how the equity input will support growth in their business either through the development of a new project or with the existing business strategy.

The Department of Commerce working with the Governor's State Tribal Economic Development commission and the Governor's Office of Economic Development has set aside \$70,000 of Indian country Economic Development (ICED) funds for the seven federally recognized Indian Reservations and the Little Shell Tribe.

Applications can be picked up at the Planning and Development Corporation office located on 113 Chippewa Avenue across from the Red Whip Center. For more information please contact Kara Todd-Iwen at 353-2501 or via email: [kpt\\_jwen@yahoo.com](mailto:kpt_jwen@yahoo.com)

## JOB VACANCIES:

### JOB VACANCY WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Position Title [LAWYER](#) Division: LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION  
Bureau: APPELLATE SERVICES Date Posted 10/17/2007 Job  
Category Legal Position Number [41101049](#) Location: HELENA Job  
Status Full Time Permanent Salary \$43,392.00 to \$54,240.00  
Salary Unit: Year Shift Daytime Band or Grade 6 Closing  
Date 10/30/2007 Supplement Required Yes

Applications must be received by 5:00pm on the closing date. Apply to your Local Montana Job Service Center OR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PO BOX 201404 HELENA, MT 59620-1404

### JOB VACANCY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JOB TITLE: **Energy Development Officer** (Business Development Specialist) POSITION #: 55003 LOCATION: Helena DIVISION: Energy Infrastructure Promotion & Development PAY BAND: 6 STATUS: Permanent, Full-time JOB CODE: 131936 SUPPLEMENT: No. ANNUAL SALARY:\$36,192 - \$45,240 (Depending on experience, continuous service and salaries of existing employees). Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted to a Montana Job Service Office or the Montana Department of Commerce, Personnel Office, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501. Applications must be received or postmarked by the closing date of November 7, 2007, 5 P.M.

The Montana Department of Commerce will accept FAXED application materials and electronic application materials via E-mail to [docapplicants@mt.gov](mailto:docapplicants@mt.gov).

Check out this site:

<http://www.nativeamericanjobs.com/index.htm>

## GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

### ATTENTION: Native Artists! Opportunity is Knocking!!

By Fort Belknap News (10/ 5/07)

Finally, a way for you to offer your arts and crafts over the internet. It is time for your talent to pay you and its free!! Turtle Island Gifts, LLC is an Indian owned company that provides economic opportunity and cultural preservation for Native artists from all regions of North America. Turtle Island Gifts works to provide a circle of integrity for native vision, cultural, values and personal achievement and are inviting artisans from our reservation to be part of the journey.

Turtle Island Gifts is currently building an e-commerce website to offer high quality authentic Native American Arts and Crafts to the public. Artisans are invited to submit photos or actual pieces of their work, a short biography and photo of themselves along with a completed vendor form, which is available at the Planning and Development Corporation. The only cost to the artist is the shipping/ mailing expenses, and the marketing of arts/crafts on the website is free of charge. After the market shows demand for the artist work, Turtle Island Gifts will contract the artist for additional pieces. This is a wonderful opportunity for artisans to expand the audience of appreciation for their skills and talents as well as receiving economic stability for their work.

For additional information about Turtle Island Gifts call the numbers below:

Becky: (218) 844-5247 [www.turtleislandgifts.com](http://www.turtleislandgifts.com)

Laura: (218) 255-1687

Juanita: (218) 983-3879

Vendor forms may be picked up at the Planning and Development Corporation at 113 Chippewa Avenue (old newspaper office). You can contact PDC at 353-2501 or via email: [kpt\\_jwen25@yahoo.com](mailto:kpt_jwen25@yahoo.com)

### ATTENTION:

To all **Enrolled Members of the Fort Belknap Tribes**: Please update your addresses. Election time is here and Christmas is around the corner. Call (406) 353-2205 or tribal enrollment at (406) 353-8532 or (406) 353-8531.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The **Fort Belknap Indian Community Council** received a \$20,000 grant from the Montana Dept. of Commerce's Tourism Infrastructure Investment Program (TIIP). The grant will go towards the Horse Capture Community Park Tourism Center Rest Area project.

The **Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation** received \$66,227 from the Montana Dept. of Commerce's Tourism Infrastructure Investment Program (TIIP). The grant will help to expand tourism and recreation opportunities for the Chippewa Cree Tribe.

Looking to do business in or with an Indian-owned business? Check out this directory sponsored by Montana Indian Business Alliance (MIBA): [http://www.mibaonline.org/documents/FINALDIRECTORY\\_001.pdf](http://www.mibaonline.org/documents/FINALDIRECTORY_001.pdf)